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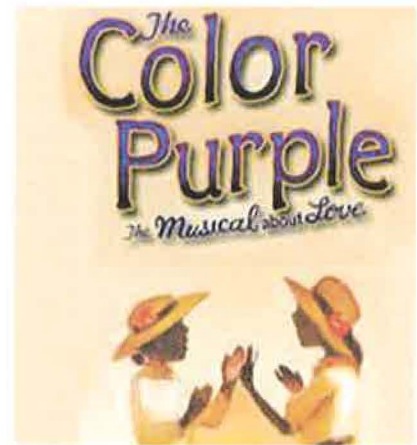
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Upcoming Events

Schmidlapp Lectureship takes place Thursday

Dr. Zohreh Sullivan, Emeritus Professor of English and African Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will be the featured speaker in the Schmidlapp Distinguished Lectureship in Women's Studies Thursday, March 31.

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Visiting Writers Series presents tribute to poet laureate Louise McNeill

Marshall's Visiting Writers Series will present a centennial celebration of the late West Virginia Poet Laureate Louise McNeill on Monday, April 4.

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LCOB Hall of Fame to induct five April 26

Five successful business leaders, including a husband and wife, will be honored by Marshall University when they are inducted into the Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame Tuesday, April 26.

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Classified Staff Election Coming April 12

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election to select no more than five representatives from each of the University's five EEO groups, along with the Staff Council Chair, the Institutional Board of Governors (IBOG) Representative, and the Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) Representative. Elected candidates will serve from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2013.

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Hollis earns first place in National Broadcasting Society competition

For the fifth year in a row and seventh in eight years, Dan Hollis, a member of Marshall's journalism faculty, has earned a first place in the National Broadcasting Society's professional competition.

Hollis won in the Video News, Sports, or Public Affairs category for a feature on a kickball league in Huntington. He received his award in mid-March in Los Angeles.

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Profile: Tina Slone

- a series on interesting Marshall University people



Tina Slone came to Marshall on a wave of pain, reeling from an unimaginable tragedy that took the life of her baby daughter.

Born in April 2006 to Kelly and Tina Slone, Jaylin entered the world with multiple health problems and died the following January. But the family's Marshall connections were deep and enduring, Tina, who is an administrative secretary senior in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, and the Center for Environmental Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, says.

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"I am very humbled to be honored in this manner," Maier said. "The 'Bucks for

Brains' program instituted by the West Virginia State Legislature is a compelling reason for our company to give back to my alma mater."

Sally Maier Rowe, corporate secretary with General Corporation, said the Maier family is grateful to Ed Maier for his selfless leadership of the family companies for 42 years.

"Since his graduation from college, his entire professional career has ensured that the companies flourish," Rowe said. "It is fitting that we honor him with a gift to his alma mater, Marshall University, within the state where he has lived and worked."

President Stephen J. Kopp accepted the gift from General Corporation while praising the Maier family.

"The Maier family personify the gold standard for leadership and philanthropy," Kopp said. "The endowed professorship recognizing this significant gift will serve as a perpetual tribute to Ed, the entire Maier family and General Corporation. Marshall University is proud and honored to accept this gift, which is dedicated to advancing promising, interdisciplinary researchers working in the field of dementia with the goal of eventually preventing this debilitating brain condition."

The professorship will support the work of a biomedical/clinical scientist in the School of Medicine engaged in dementia research. This support will foster research dedicated to investigating the cause or causes of dementia, improving the clinical management, treatment and therapeutic outcomes for present and future generations of people who are at risk or are already suffering with dementia.

"The Maier family has a rich tradition in philanthropic giving," said Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. "We greatly appreciate their generosity in presenting Marshall University with this gift that we hope will help make dementia a thing of the past for future generations."

Dr. Kevin W. Yingling, chair of the Department of Internal Medicine and dean of the new School of Pharmacy, said the focus of the professorship will be research to better define the causes and to better treat patients who suffer from dementia.

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Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president for health sciences and medical school dean, said the gift is both timely and a good fit for Marshall's capabilities.

"This huge charitable and humanitarian effort by the Maier family comes at a time when the burden of dementia is rapidly growing in West Virginia and when the accelerated pace of biomedical discovery makes it likely the gift will lead to meaningful breakthroughs in preventing dementia or treating it," he said. "Those breakthroughs will need to be evaluated, and with its extensive patient network including rural areas, Marshall is ideally positioned to do the clinical evaluations authenticating successful projects while guaranteeing patient safety."

Yingling said a committee, which includes Ed Maier, will provide guidance on recruiting the professor or professors.

The West Virginia Research Trust Fund was established in 2008 to serve as a catalyst for economic development across the state. The trust fund program allows Marshall to double private gifts that support expansions to research faculty and infrastructure in key areas linked to economic development, health care and job growth.

Including this announcement, private gifts to date combined with the state's match bring Marshall's current total for the trust fund program to just over \$5.1 million to be used for investments in research at the university.

The West Virginia Legislature initially appropriated \$15 million in the trust fund for Marshall. Qualifying private gifts to the university are matched dollar for dollar by the state's fund. For more information about the trust fund, visit www.marshall.edu/b4b or call the Marshall University Foundation at 6-5407.

Photo: Officials of General Corporation presented a \$1 million gift to Marshall University March 11 to endow the Maier Clinical Research Professorship at the medical school. From left: Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp; Betty Maier Culwell, General Corporation board member; Dr. Charles McKown, vice president for health sciences and dean, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; Susan Maier, wife of Ed Maier; Ed Maier, whom the professorship honors; Sally Maier Rowe, General Corporation board member; and Dr. Kevin Yingling, chair, department of internal medicine and dean, Marshall School of Pharmacy.

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The Distinguished Alumnus Award, given to an alum for outstanding national achievement in his or her particular field of endeavor, will be awarded to Farley, a graduate of Marsh Fork High School, who earned his B.B.A. degree from Marshall in 1965 and his master's degree in Hospital Administration from the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University in 1967.

He is the president, managing partner and co-founder of Nursing Care Management of America Inc., a privately held health care company with ownership and management of long-term care nursing facilities and home health and hospice care companies in several states.

Among other honors, he was named the Most Outstanding Young Hospital Administrator in the nation with the Hudgens Award in 1977, given by the American College of Hospital Executives. He has long been active in numerous professional, civic and community organizations. In 2010, Farley was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame Board of Directors and in 1990, the Jim and Bobbie Farley family was selected by the United State Tennis Association as the National Tennis Family of the Year.

Farley has served Marshall University in a variety of ways, including serving as National President of the Marshall University Alumni Association from 1973 to 1975. In 1980, the Marshall University Alumni Association honored him with the Distinguished Community Service Award.

Slater, who earned his B.S. degree from Marshall, will receive the Distinguished Service to Marshall award. Currently serving as the chair of the advisory board for the Lewis College of Business, he is a corporate tax consultant and Managing Member of Dixon Hughes West Virginia.

Slater and Dixon Hughes helped Marshall's accounting department become one of only 169 programs in the world to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). In addition, Slater helped Dixon Hughes form the Passion & Excellence Scholarship, which is awarded to outstanding accounting majors at Marshall and West Virginia University each year. Dixon Hughes also hosts an internship program each summer at which the majority are often from Marshall.

Slater and other Dixon Hughes staff members regularly donate time and resources to the professional development of Marshall's accounting students. Dixon Hughes donated laptops to the Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) honor fraternity to assist its VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. Slater was named BAP's Business Professional of the Year for 2009.

Sizemore, who received his M.B.A. degree from Marshall, will receive the Young Alumni Award. He is the CEO of Loop Pharmacy in St. Albans, W.Va.

Sizemore is active in organizations in his community and state, in addition to the alumni association. In his local area, he

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serves as chair of the United Way, as secretary of the St. Albans Rotary Club and as a member of the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. Statewide, he is a member of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Birth-to-Three Task Force.

Along with his wife, Melissa, he is active in the National Hydrocephalus Association, working toward a cure for the condition that affects the couple's 3-year-old son, Andrew.

Moore, who earned his M.A. in education from Marshall, will receive the Community Achievement Award. Retired from the Cabell County Schools, he is an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. He has served as pastor of Full Gospel Mission (later changed to Full Gospel Assembly) since 1983.

Moore currently sits on the Board of Directors for Cabell Huntington Hospital, serving on multiple committees, and is secretary of the Black Pastors Ministerial Association. His efforts have gained him recognition in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; Who's Who Among American Teachers; Outstanding Young Men in America; and as Tri-Cities African-American Citizen of the Year. In 2001, he was one of two teachers from West Virginia named to receive the prestigious Milken Family Foundation Educator Award.

Perkins, a member of the Marshall faculty since 1988, will be awarded the Carolyn B. Hunter, Distinguished Faculty Service Award. She currently serves as chair of the Department of Classics, as well as interim chair of the Department of Modern Languages. She is co-author of two textbooks on the Roman poet Ovid, and has published a number of articles on Ovid and the Roman historian Tacitus.

Perkins previously served on the faculties of St. Bonaventure and Northwestern universities. She earned her B.A. in classics with honors from McGill University in 1973, her M.A. from the State University of New York in Buffalo in 1975, and her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1984.

Hale, who died in October, will receive the College of Education and Human Services Distinguished Alumni and Friends award posthumously. He received both his bachelor's degree (in 1956) and his master's degree (in 1960) from Marshall. He was also a longtime faculty member in the School of Education until his retirement in 1990. He served as chair of the secondary education faculty and later as interim dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

The Alumni Club of the Year award goes to the River Cities Alumni Club based in Huntington. This group of energetic alumni have shown to be innovative and dedicated in their attempts to promote Marshall University during events and activities they have hosted.

The Cam Henderson Scholarship Award, given to a student athlete at Marshall University, will be awarded to baseball player Benjamin M. Jurevicius.

The alumni awards banquet will be preceded by the President's Social from 6 to 7 p.m. on the plaza of the Memorial Student Center. For further information, call the Alumni Association at ext.6-2901.

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Holley was presented with a plaque and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

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- Fat Patty's in Huntington and Barboursville
- Fifth Third Bank, West Virginia and eastern Kentucky branch locations
- Hometown Sportswear in Barboursville
- MacReedo's in Huntington
- Marshall Hall of Fame Café in Huntington
- Shoop's in Huntington
- Sport Mart in Charleston

The winners will be selected and announced at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, at the Marshall University Foundation Hall.

Alumni badge packages for two, valued at \$990, include:

- Grounds passes for the duration of the tournament
- Access to special hospitality areas with air conditioning, upgraded restroom facilities, flat screen televisions to watch all the tournament action, complimentary dry snacks and nonalcoholic beverages (Monday and Tuesday)
- The above, plus unlimited tailgate-style food and nonalcoholic beverages (Wednesday and Sunday)
- Special appearances by Marshall University coaches and alumni athletes
- Parking
- Tickets to the Greenbrier Classic Concert Series, headlined by two of country music's biggest stars, Tim McGraw and Keith Urban

The Greenbrier Classic, which debuted last summer, is a PGA Tour event that takes place July 25-31 at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

More information is available by calling 304-767-5189 or visiting www.marshall.edu/wingot/.

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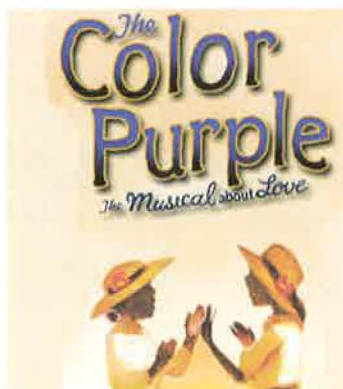
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As on Broadway, the North American Tour of "The Color Purple" is produced by Oprah Winfrey and Quincy Jones and directed by Gary Griffin

Tickets for "The Color Purple" are on sale now and can be purchased at the Marshall Artists Series Box Office, located on the east side of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, or by calling ext. 6-3326. Patrons can also visit www.marshallartistsseries.org for ticket information. The box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

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Dr. John Maher, vice president for research, congratulated Yu and praised him and his team for obtaining the grant.

"Dr. Yu's work is an excellent example of the vital research here at Marshall University that can affect the health and welfare of people everywhere. Research in his lab has the potential to have a real impact on the quality of life for people with cystic fibrosis," said Maher.

Maher also noted that Yu's research has had a regional economic development impact, saying his work has led to a patent and the development of Progenesis Technologies LLC, a West Virginia-based biotech research and development company. A second patent is pending.

Prior to joining Marshall in 1999, Yu was on the research faculty of the University of Michigan Medical School. In addition to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, his work has been funded by NASA, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia NASA Space Grant Consortium.

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Sisson presented the drawing to Marshall as a gift to use however the university sees fit. It

currently is on display in the lobby of the Foundation Hall.

"It's still up in the air exactly how we are going to use it," Zimmerman said. He said copies of the drawing likely will be made, and it might be used in marketing pieces.

Sisson received her Master of Arts degree, with an emphasis on print making and abstract expressionism, from Marshall in 1993.

"I consider it quite a compliment that I was asked to do the drawing for Marshall," she said. "It's a good way to give back."

Sisson owns a company called Fine Home Portraits. "I've now done over 400 pieces," she said. Sisson bases her drawings on photographs of the subject. For the drawing of the Foundation Hall, she used photos of the building taken by Marshall photographer Rick Hays.

"She is a very proud alumna of Marshall and offered this labor of love to help the school," Zimmerman said. "She used her talents to give back to Marshall, which I think is great."

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Schmidlapp Lectureship takes place Thursday

Dr. Zohreh Sullivan, Emeritus Professor of English and African Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will be the featured speaker in the Schmidlapp Distinguished Lectureship in Women's Studies Thursday, March 31.

Sullivan's presentation, "The Currency of Islam: Feminism, History, and Iran," will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. The event is free to the public and a reception will follow.

Sullivan is the author of two books, *Narratives of Empire: The Fictions of Rudyard Kipling* and *Exiled Memories: Stories of Iranian Diaspora*, as well as numerous articles on British, colonial and postcolonial literatures.

The Schmidlapp lectureship is sponsored by the Charlotte M. Schmidlapp Fund, Fifth Third Bank Trustee.

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Visiting Writers Series presents tribute to poet laureate Louise McNeill

Marshall's Visiting Writers Series will present a centennial celebration of the late West Virginia Poet Laureate Louise McNeill on Monday, April 4.

The celebration will feature noted area poets Mark DeFoe, Marianne Worthington, Devon McNamara and Chris Green. They will present a panel on the life and work of McNeill at 3:30 p.m. and a tribute poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. Both events will take place in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Until her death in 1993, McNeill was West Virginia Poet Laureate for 16 years. Her work was widely published in national magazines like Atlantic Monthly and Saturday Review during her lifetime. Hill Daughter, her selected poems, was published by the University of Pittsburgh Press in 1991, and her poems continue to be anthologized. A new edition of her seminal work, Paradox Hill, was published by West Virginia University Press in 2009.

DeFoe is the author of nine chapbooks of poems. His work has appeared in many journals and anthologies. He has conducted workshops for writers of all ages and has read his work at colleges, libraries and art centers. He is professor emeritus at West Virginia Wesleyan University.

McNamara's poems, essays and reviews have appeared widely in literary journals. Her new poetry collection is forthcoming from Salmon Poetry of Ireland. She has conducted writing workshops throughout West Virginia and has served on the Governor's Task Force on Arts in Education. She is Professor of English, Irish Literature, and Creative Writing at West Virginia Wesleyan University.

Green, a poet and scholar, is the author of Rushlight, a new collection of poems. He co-edited Coal: A Poetry Anthology and recently published a major historical study of race and social justice in Appalachian writing, The Social Life of Poetry (Palgrave Macmillan). He teaches writing and literature in Marshall's English department.

Worthington is the author of Larger Bodies Than Mine, which was chosen for the New Women's Voices Series and received the 2007 Appalachian Book of the Year Award in Poetry. She is an associate professor of Communication Arts and Journalism at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Ky.

The panel and reading are free and open to the public. The Visiting Writers Series is supported by the Marshall English Department, the College of Liberal Arts and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

For more information, contact Art Stringer in Marshall's English Department at ext. 6-2403.

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LCOB Hall of Fame to induct five April 26

Five successful business leaders, including a husband and wife, will be honored by Marshall University when they are inducted into the Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame Tuesday, April 26.

This year's inductees are Bob Agee, currently vice president of Frederick Holding Company; Earleen Agee, of C.F. Reuschlein Company and vice president of Leigh-HI Corporation; Joe Gillette, a franchisee for Wendy's and owner of 16 restaurants; Bob O'Dell, co-founder of Lanham, O'Dell & Company, Inc., certified financial planners; and Brad Smith, president and chief executive officer of Intuit.

The induction reception and ceremony will take place in the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center, on the Huntington campus. The celebration will begin with a VIP reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a general reception at 6:15 p.m. and an awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

The Hall of Fame honors those people in the business community who have an outstanding record of long-standing achievement in their career fields. It is the most distinguished honor granted by the Lewis College of Business.

"I would like to congratulate all five inductees of the LCOB Hall of Fame for this year's event," said Dr. Chong Kim, dean of the College of Business. "It is a life award conferred upon leaders who have an outstanding record of achievement in their fields and have dedicated themselves to excellence."

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Classified Staff Election Coming April 12

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election to select no more than five representatives from each of the University's five EEO groups, along with the Staff Council Chair, the Institutional Board of Governors (IBOG) Representative, and the Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) Representative. Elected candidates will serve from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2013.

Nominees Are:

Chair:

Nina Barrett (Accounting/Controller's Office)
Johnny Bradley (Library & IT/Circulation)

Institutional Board of Governors Representative:

Mike Dunn (Physical Plant)

Advisory Council for Classified Employees Representative:

Mike Dunn (Physical Plant)

EEO Group 10 - Executive, Administrative & Managerial - Nominees are:

William "Tootie" Carter (Student Center Operating)
Virgil Crockett (Plant Operations)
William "Bill" Lewis (Plant Operations)
Lisa Williamson (College of Business)
Miriah Young (Housing)

EEO Group 30 - Other Professionals - Nominees are:

Mirek Bialk (Career Services Center)
Betty Cook (College of Liberal Arts)
Barry Dickerson (Honors College)
Carol Hurula (Academic Affairs)
Jennifer Jimison (Financial Aid)
Jan Parker (Graduate College - Huntington Campus)
Brean Stewart (College of Education)

EEO Group 40 - Technical & Paraprofessional - Nominees are:

Nina Barrett (Accounting/Controller's Office)
Johnny Bradley (Library & IT/Circulation)
Toni Ferguson (School of Education)
Lisa Maynard (School of Medicine - Finance and Administration)
Kelly Preston (Autism Training Center)

EEO Group 50 - Clerical - Nominees are:

Christopher Atkins (Financial Aid)
Bernice Bullock (Faculty Senate)
Maura Conway (Sociology/Anthropology)
Leonard Lovely (Mailroom)
Okey Napier (Psy D Program)
Mary Rewalt (College of Education)

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Eva Ruppert (Counseling)
Kris Standifur (Geography)
Monique Williams (Special Education)

EEO Groups 60 & 70 - Skilled Crafts & Service/Maintenance - Nominees are:

Jack Ferrell (Public Safety)
Dwayne McCallister (Housing)
Joe Wortham (Athletics Administration)

Electronic voting will be available from Tuesday, April 12th at 8am through Friday, April 15th at 4pm. All voting will be electronic. There will be no paper ballot voting.

Voting Instructions:

Here are the simple voting instructions to vote using the E-Vote system on your computer:

- 1) Go to www.marshall.edu/mymu.
- 2) Enter your MUID (901 number) and pin.
- 3) Click "Login."
- 4) Once logged in, select the Employee tab near the top of the myMu homepage.
- 5) In the center column of the Employee page there is a block titled E-Vote; click on the word "Click" in that box.
- 6) Follow the E-Vote instructions on the screen.

Individuals will need their MUID (901 Number) and password to log into their myMu account to cast their ballot during the election period. Staff members are *highly* recommended to vote early in the election period so that if they encounter any problems logging in or casting their ballot they may obtain assistance.

Any staff member who is unable to successfully vote electronically should notify the Staff Council Office, Election Committee Chair Joe Wortham, or any of the Election Committee members PRIOR to the end of the voting period. Contact information is listed below:

Staff Council Office - Katie Counts, 304-696-2222 or kcounts@marshall.edu
Election Committee Chair - Joe Wortham, 304-696-5402 or Wortham@marshall.edu
Election Committee Member - Leonard Lovely, 304-696-2485 or lovely@marshall.edu
Election Committee Member - Toni Ferguson, 304-696-3239 or fergusont@marshall.edu
Election Committee Member - Jan Parker, 304-696-2816 or jparker@marshall.edu

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Hollis earns first place in National Broadcasting Society competition

For the fifth year in a row and seventh in eight years, Dan Hollis, a member of Marshall's journalism faculty, has earned a first place in the National Broadcasting Society's professional competition.

Hollis won in the Video News, Sports, or Public Affairs category for a feature on a kickball league in Huntington. He received his award in mid-March in Los Angeles.

"Kickball has all the elements of a great story," said Hollis, an associate professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. "Great action, great sound and great people are involved. I really enjoyed shooting, writing and editing it."

In addition, Hollis also presented two other videos to the national conference - one on the ziplining craze hitting West Virginia and the other on traditions at the annual Vandalia Gathering. All three videos can be seen on www.youtube.com.

Hollis uses the videos he shoots to illustrate key elements of storytelling to his classes and to "kick-start" class discussions. He has been with Marshall since 1999.

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Profile: Tina Slone



Tina Slone came to Marshall on a wave of pain, reeling from an unimaginable tragedy that took the life of her baby daughter.

Born in April 2006 to Kelly and Tina Slone, Jaylin entered the world with multiple health problems and died the following January. But the family's Marshall connections were deep and enduring. Tina, who is an administrative secretary senior in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, and the Center for Environmental Geotechnical and Applied Sciences, says.

Slone's then-husband, Kelly, worked in Computing Services and the Marshall community rallied around the couple by sponsoring a series of fundraising activities, including the auction of themed baskets. The Computing Services website carried Jaylin's photo and story for a long time. When Slone came to work at CITE, nine months after Jaylin's death, she says she was overwhelmed by the support she received.

"I got to meet many of the people who had done so much for us," she says. "I was blown away at the love they had given us. At last I was able to thank people in person for all they had done. Working here definitely helped me begin to move on."

Today she's an enthusiastic scuba diver and photographer who's looking forward to an upcoming trip to the Bahamas, where she's going to try out her new diving skills for the first time in the ocean. And even her newfound passion has Marshall roots. "Marshall offers a scuba diving class and I thought it would be fun to take it, but I never dreamed I'd get into it as I have. I absolutely love it. The people who teach the class are really strict and I like that. So this will be not only my first dive in the ocean, it will be my first time out of the country."

As a photographer, she's an enthusiastic amateur who's getting better at "shooting anything that doesn't move," she says laughing. That criterion definitely eliminates her two dogs, her "boys" as she terms them: Roush, a high-energy Chihuahua mix and Stretch, the more laid-back Dachshund. She bought a semi-professional camera and, although she's self-taught, right now she's getting valuable tips and experience from her stepfather, Larry Coffey, an avid photographer. The two often make excursions to sites where they hone their shooting skills. "Right now I'm concentrating on the basics--lighting, focus, framing--and we're enjoying having this common bond." There's one practical aspect of her hobby. She's hoping to move to a smaller home in the near future and plans to use some of her photos as décor.

Now divorced, Slone has begun working on a degree in business management from the Lewis College of Business. "I don't know when I'll be finished, but I'm taking usually two classes a semester and it's something I definitely want to complete."

And throughout her life, in good times and bad, she's been buoyed by an optimistic spirit that dictates if there is a sunny side of the street, she'll try to find it.

Brought up in Prestonsburg, Ky., she headed for Texas after graduating from high school and spent three years there before moving back home. She worked at a series of jobs in her home town before coming to Marshall. Her current job allows her to represent the university in various ways, something that Slone delights in doing. "As part of my job with CEGAS, I go to conferences and help out as needed. On these trips I do some recruiting, I can't help myself. Almost anywhere I go I wear a Marshall shirt and I'm always trying to get Marshall's and CITE's name out there. I love

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representing Marshall wherever I am. We also do tallgating for Homecoming and I work on that. It's always a lot of fun and we try to make it a special event."

And last year's Homecoming was a creative coup for the innovative CITE crew because they took the award for the most creative office decorations. In keeping with the theme, "Herd Round-up," the energetic Slone organized and oversaw the fanciful tale of Marco being held captive by the sinister UTEP Miners, complete with a hallway cum cave and a saloon with a bar, mugs of root beer, playing cards, and costumed hombres and dance hall girls straight out of a rip-roaring western. "We had a blast; we were so excited to win that award. We had tried before and we vowed we were going to come up with something unique so we were thrilled to be recognized. We have the greatest students ... they even built a float for the parade which I oversaw and got to ride on. Then every year we have a cookout for our students and we all have so much fun."

So will the crew be entering next year's competition? "You bet!" says the ebullient Slone. "Just as soon as they announce the theme, we'll be working on it."

Right now she's wrapping up therapy on a knee injury she incurred in January after a spill on a ski slope, a trip she took with her special friend, Charlie Sullivan. "It was only the second time I had ever skied and I think I'm pretty well done with that. I'm willing to try anything once and I did but skiing is not my sport. I don't want to do anything that will interfere with my diving so from now on I'll stick to tubing."

The last few years have not been easy and only her determined resolve to keep going has gotten her through the rough patches, she says. People often comment on how strong and resilient she is and she has an answer of sorts for them. "You never know how strong you are until you are put in the position that you have to be. It was horrific, the loss we felt. But sometimes the only choice is to be strong. Despite everything that has happened, I feel I am blessed. I have had such constant wonderful support from my family and my in-laws, they were awesome, and from my co-workers. I miss my daughter every day and I am grateful for the time I had but this is how my life is meant to be now and there was nothing else I could do but go on."

Coming to Marshall was part of the healing process, Slone says reflectively. "Coming here was a terrific decision. I have the absolutely greatest co-workers, Cammy Holley and Brittney Emerson, great friends, and I love my job and what we do. I'm close to my family, my mother Sandy Coffey, who is my wonderful rock, my father Darrel Conley, and my stepfather. Right now is one of the busiest times in my life. I have my diving, my work, my 'boys,' my Charlie. I'm thrilled with where I am today."

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